

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S319**

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TO:	The Honorable John E. Courson, Chairperson, Senate Education Committee		
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SUBJECT:	Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost to the General Fund of the State (See Below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 319 provides that the Governor may execute the interstate compact on educational opportunity for military children with other compact states. The State Superintendent of Education is the Compact Commissioner for South Carolina and the Bill establishes the Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children. The Bill also clarifies the membership of the council and its powers and duties.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The State Department of Education (SDE) estimates the recurring fiscal impact to be \$51,750. This cost consists of .50 FTE at \$35,000 per year which includes fringe benefits. There is a levy from the Interstate Commission which is estimated at \$15,000 annually (\$1 per military child). In addition, \$1,750 would be needed for travel, meals, and materials. The Department is also required to provide office space to the Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children. SDE estimates the space can be provided at minimal cost which can be absorbed within the agency.

The seven member Council shall serve without pay, but shall receive per diem, subsistence and mileage. At \$190 per member the cost per meeting can be estimated \$1,330. If the Council meets quarterly the annual impact can be estimated at \$5,320. Therefore, total annual impact of this Bill can be estimated at \$57,070.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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